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The Southwestern

Bringing students the latest happenings on campus

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Debate over legalizing marijuana

By BRIAN HILL/
News Editor

The heated issue of legalizing marijuana will wrap college minds this Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center with a free amission, "Heads versus Feds" debate.

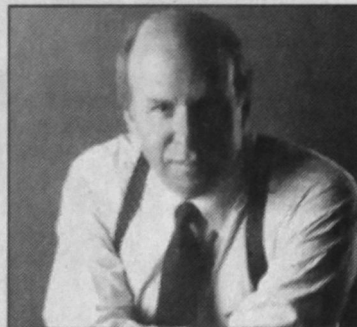
The question that will be asked is whether or not marijuana should be legalized. The answer will be debated between Steve Hager, editor-in-chief of High Times magazine,



Steve Hager

and Drug Enforcement Administration veteran Bob Stutman.

Hager presents an argument based on his religious standpoint,



Bob Stutman

suggesting that keeping it illegal violates his religious rights. He also argues that marijuana, or hemp, is an effective medicine for a variety of illnesses. Hemp

is good for the environment and useful for making more than 25,000 products, and marijuana is a "sacrament" of the counterculture, which he describes as his religion.

Bob Stutman, on the other hand, bases his opposing argument on the health problems such as heart disease and cancer that marijuana might cause in the end. He suggests legalization would lead to more

marijuana smokers, which would mean more traffic accidents. Also, no major health organizations have endorsed pot as good medicine.

According to the D.E.A, marijuana is the fourth-largest cash crop in the United States. Even though federal law has made it illegal to use, some states have legalized marijuana for some medical purposes, and other states have considered such legislation. Oklahoma

has been used for a marijuana transport depot because of the state's central location, well-developed transportation infrastructure, and proximity to the U.S.-Mexico border. With no medical marijuana law to speak of, possession of any amount of marijuana is punishable by a year in jail.

For more information on Panorama events, call the Southwestern Public Relations and Marketing Office at (580) 774-3063.

CAB highlights Extreme Makeover

By JOSH TRENT/
Staff Reporter

The Campus Activities Board will host its annual Bulldog Blitz on Tuesday, March 29.

This year's event won't be your ordinary talent show. Not only will there be talented performers from campus, but CAB will also host Extreme Makeover.

If you're tired of your look, or you think your clothes are out of date, then you should sign up today for *Extreme Makeover*, said CAB Director, Shameika Williams.

The makeover crew will fix your hair and your make-up. They'll buy you some new clothes and even whiten

Makeover/Blitz
March 29
applications due
Feb. 18

your teeth. All of this will be at no cost to the contestant. You even have a chance to win some major money.

One male and one female will be chosen before the Blitz, and will receive the makeover of their dreams. Between talent acts, the audience will get to view clips of the two being transformed.

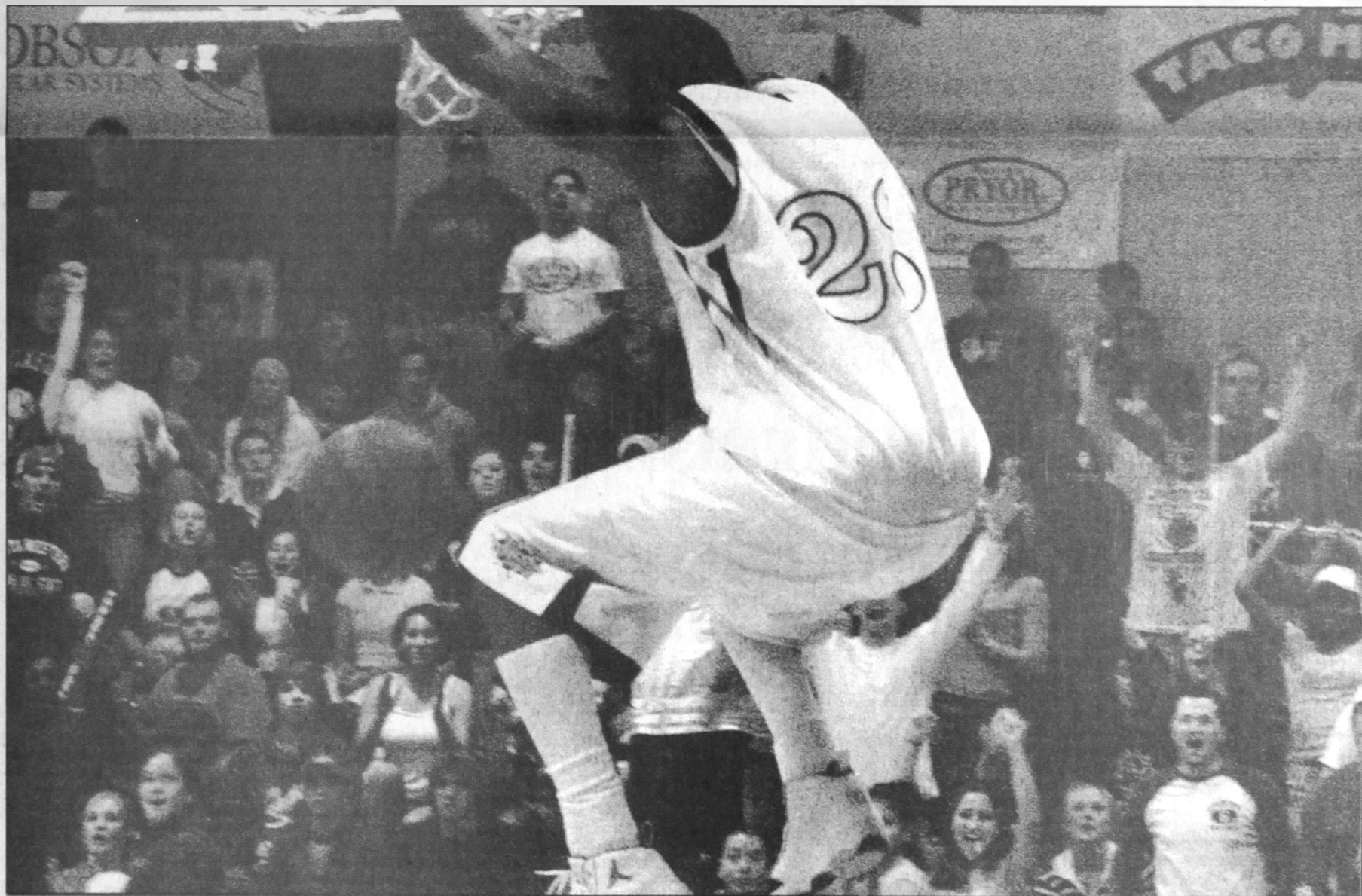
The two contestants will finally appear on stage. The audience will see their before and after picture shots. Then the audience will decide which of the two will win the cash grand prize.

To enter the contest or the Bulldog Blitz, you need to fill out an application, which can be found in Stafford 214. The deadline for both talent show and makeover applications is Feb. 18.

For more information contact CAB at 774-3767.

Crowded Dog House

PHOTO BY JONATHAN BOST



Fans seen encouraging 4th ranked NCAA South Central Regional Southwestern mens basketball team.

By BRYAN ANDREWS/
Staff Reporter

Even with a recent loss last week, this could still be a memorable year for the Southwestern men's basketball team. Their home winning streak has reached

seven games already.

Mens Basketball Coach Scott Reed said he is really not surprised that the team is doing well this year. The team has unlimited potential, and playing at home only increases their advantage.

They have taken the

hardwood floor 21 times, and won 17. Recent attendance figures have shown that Southwestern has had the largest crowd attendance. Reed said this really excites him and encourages the team. The fans have been a big motivator for the team.

Reed has also said that the support received has been fantastic, and having the crowd there is a huge advantage.

"It is challenging for the visitor team to come in and play. The band is exceptional. Fan turn-out is great. We really appreciate it. The

Southwestern band is the best in the conference," Reed said.

Southwestern basketball has six conference games left. Those game will decide the outcome for the future. The last four will be hosted at home.

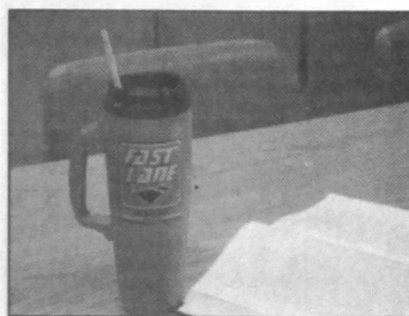
Fast Lane offers free refills

By JAMES BRYEN/
Staff Reporter

College students are always looking to get the most out of their money. Fast Lane is trying to help them out.

Fast Lane leads the way in offering a great deal to people of all ages.

The convenient stores sell the mugs for \$10.79 after tax. The price has gone up from



The new design for Fast Lane mugs

the previous year's cost of about \$3. That may seem like a lot at first, but that is where

the deal comes in. After that one time fee, consumers can refill their mugs for free anytime that they want for the rest of the year.

In the previous years, a 34 oz. mug was sold, but some people who took part in the deal would throw the remainder of their beverage on the

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Bush asks congress for \$80 billion for military operations Fast Lane

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By: DANA SMITH/
STAFF REPORTER

President Bush plans to ask Congress for another \$80 billion to pay for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the White House said.

This allotment would bring the total spent for the two wars to more than \$300 billion.

Before the \$80 billion request, the Congressional Budget Office estimated the federal budget deficit will hit \$368 billion in the current fiscal year and \$855 billion over the next ten years.

Nancy Pelosi, House minority leader, said that while she supports the troops, the request for another \$80 billion raises

many questions.

"What are the goals in Iraq, and how much more money will it cost to achieve them? Why haven't the president and the Pentagon provided members of Congress a full accounting of previous expenditures? Why, after all the effort dedicated to training Iraqi troops, aren't more Iraqi

troops trained, equipped, and prepared to play a bigger security role?" she asked.

The Bush administration said \$75 billion of the \$80 billion requested would go to military operations. Most of the remaining \$5 billion would go to the State Department.

It seems certain that the request will pass in the

Republican-controlled Congress.

This would be the third special appropriation for Iraq, following \$87 billion in September 2003 and \$25 billion approved in May 2004.

It is estimated that the United States is spending \$4.6 billion in Iraq and \$800 million in Afghanistan each month.

store's parking lot. For that reason the stores decided to only sell a 22oz. mug.

"It is still a good deal," said Karen Elkins, manager of Fast Lane on Airport Road.

Brittnee Thiessen, long time Weatherford resident and former student at Southwestern, recommends that all students invest in the mugs.

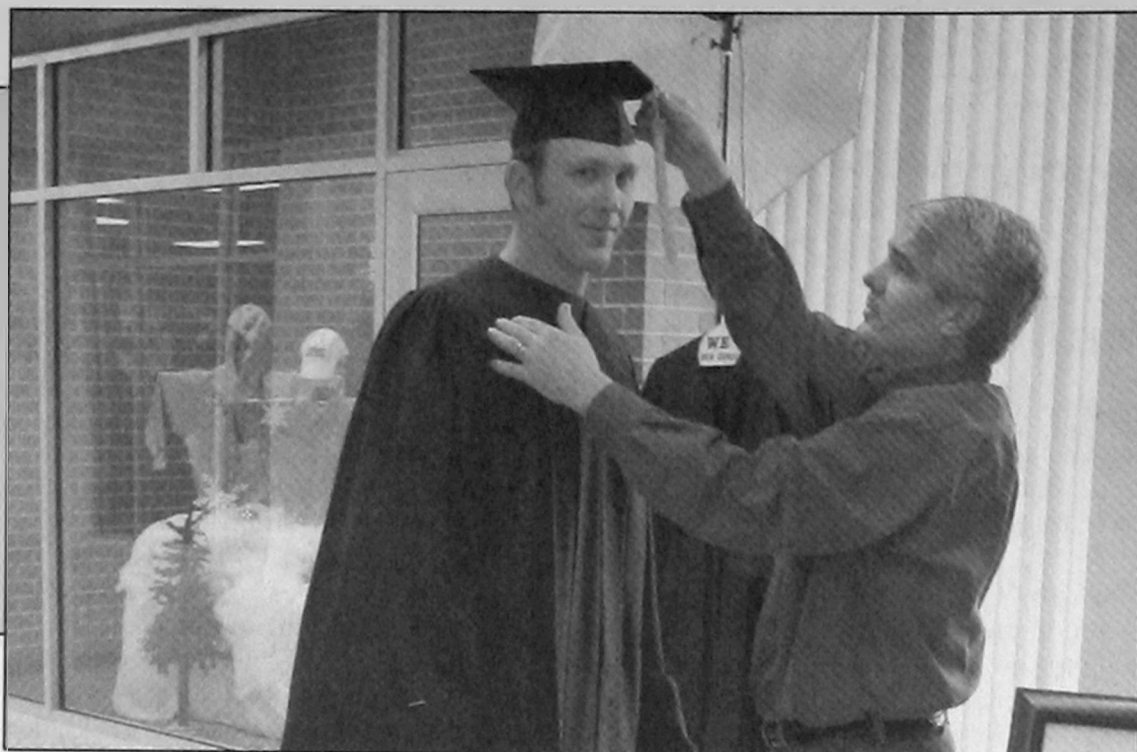
"I think it's a great deal for both the company and the consumer, I used it at least once a day," she said. "Free drinks for an entire year; who would turn that down?"

"We run out of the mugs a lot. We have to get new shipments quite frequently," said Dusty Tittle, an employee at Fast Lane. "It's like the gift that keeps on giving, for a year anyway."

Students and community residents alike are very glad that Fast Lane stores continue to bring a very affordable and worthwhile deal to the community.

Graduation preparations

Mark Williams waits patiently as he is fitted for his cap and gown.



SWOSU jazz festival planned February 10-12

The 35th annual Southwestern Oklahoma State University Jazz Festival is February 10-12 on the Weatherford campus. Featured guest artists will attend, including trumpet player Tom Williams and vocalist Delores King Williams, both from Washington, D.C.; and drummer Drori Mondlak of New York City.

The SWOSU Jazz Ensemble, directed by Dr. Terry Segress, will also play a big part in the festival. The first concert

will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 10, at 7 p.m. in Room 101 of the Music Building. Admission is free, but seating is limited for this concert.

The two main jazz festival concerts will be held on Friday, February 11, at 1 and 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center. General admission tickets are \$12.50 and student tickets are \$5.

Tickets for the concerts are now available by calling the SWOSU Music Department at (580) 774-

3708.

On Friday night at 7 p.m., the SWOSU alumni jazz band will perform in the Fine Arts Center.

On Saturday, February 12, several alumni and friends events are planned, including alumni concert band and alumni chorus concerts. The alumni choir and Southwestern Singers will perform at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday followed by the alumni concert band and Southwestern Wind Ensemble at 3 p.m., both in the Fine Arts Center.

The public is invited, and admission is free.

The alumni chorus is being directed by recently retired Dr. Charles Chapman, and the alumni concert band by Dr. James South.

In addition to the two Williams and Mondlak, other featured performers at this year's SWOSU Jazz Festival are saxophonist Michael Cox, trombonist Robert Chambers, saxophonist and keyboard player David Hanson, and bassist Lynn Seaton.

Model UN fundraising dinner planned at Southwestern

A fundraising dinner for the Model United Nations program at Southwestern Oklahoma State University will be held this Thursday, February 10, on the Weatherford campus.

Sixteen SWOSU students are raising money to help pay for expenses to the Model UN convention in St. Louis, Mo. later this

month.

The dinner is at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. Guest speakers for the event will be former ambassador and current Social Sciences Department instructor Ken Tillett, SWOSU student and head UN delegate Curtis Rose and SWOSU President John

Hays.

Sara Puett, SWOSU senior from Cherokee and a member of the SWOSU delegation to the Model UN, said all donations are welcome. Cost for the dinner is \$25, which covers dinner plus a donation. Cost for SWOSU students and employees is \$15. Tables

of eight can be reserved for \$200.

"The SWOSU students are excited about the upcoming Model UN trip, but we need donations to help defray expenses," Puett said. "Any donation amount is welcome."

For additional information or tickets, call Tillett at (580) 774-7134.

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Bands play for tsunami relief

As the relief efforts continue, local bands add to the contribution.

By JULIE FITE/
STAFF REPORTER

Three area bands will perform this weekend to help raise money for tsunami victims.

The "relief tour" will consist of three shows back to back. The shows will kick off this Friday at Oklahoma City's Cathedral of Praise. The doors open at 7 p.m. The bands will also make stops in Tulsa and Weatherford, with time and place still to be announced.

The bands participating are Weatherford's Solomon's Splendor and



Subseven is one of the many bands participating in the effort to raise funds for a destroyed orphanage in Indonesia.

Ephraim with Oklahoma City's A Better Tomorrow.

Also, Friday's first concert will feature Flicker recording artist Subseven.

The cost for admission is \$7 and, the money will be sent to Indonesia to rebuild an orphanage destroyed by the tsunami. The remaining funds will

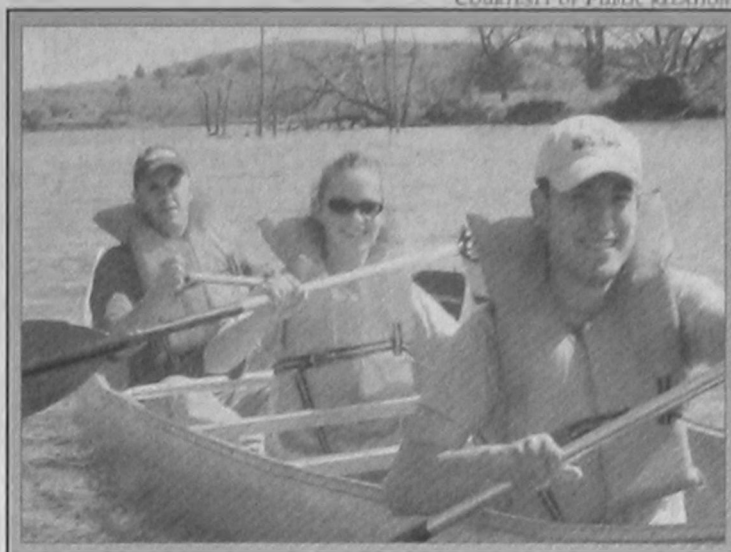
be sent to Thailand for rebuilding efforts as well.

The "relief tour" was a vision sought by members from Solomon's Splendor.

"Everything has just come together better than we ever thought. I'm really excited," said Steven Jeffrey, bass player for Solomon's Splendor.

The event will be sponsored by 91FM, Sides Screenprinting & More, and several area churches.

For more information, email Jeffrey at steven@solomonsplendor.com



In the new majors, students get a chance to practice real life canoeing, amongst many other outdoor activities.

New degrees offer unique challenges

By CHRIS KEIM/
STAFF REPORTER

Several new degrees are challenging Southwestern students to climb to success.

The new majors are in Parks and Recreation Management, Park Law Enforcement, and Sports Management. Both bachelor's and master's level degrees are offered.

"Southwestern has one of the premier Parks and Recreation Departments in the state," said department chair Chad Kinder. "If students are interested in a career that offers unique challenges, is set in great environments, and promotes wellness, they can have all three with one of our degrees."

One unique aspect of these degrees is that students are challenged both in the classroom and outside. Each degree offers coursework

in rescue and first aid, ropes course facilitation and climbing, aquatics, and outdoor survival.

Students get hands-on, real-life experience as they apply their skills and test their mettle at five park sites managed by Southwestern.

Students learn from the best because instructors are not only faculty members, but also professionals in the fields of study. As practicing professionals, these instructors can help students make valuable contacts, which open doors to job opportunities after graduation.

The majors are part of the recently expanded curriculum of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Formed in the fall of 2003, the department has already doubled in both its number of students enrolled and faculty members for instruction.

Southwestern receives \$272,043 in grants

By BIGYAN KOIRALA/
STAFF REPORTER

Southwestern receives specific purpose grants and contracts monthly. This month it received three grants and a contract that amounts to a total value of \$272,043.

The first grant received is from the Oracle Corporation, amounting \$162,150. It will be used in extending the software

license that Southwestern uses in teaching on campus.

The second grant received is a Request for Proposal Grant through State regents for higher education. The U.S. Department of Education awarded the grant, and it amounts in \$99,158. The U.S. Department of Education also awarded the third grant of \$2,000 that will be used for

training educators in science and mathematics.

"This grant is also referred to as 'No child left behind' grant," said Anita Blankenship, the director of Sponsored programs. "This grant will be used for developing elementary school teachers in mathematics."

Southwestern also received a contract from the University of Oklahoma

through a grant it has from NASA. The \$8,735 contract amount will be used to support software updates and faculty training at conferences.

This grant and the contract will help Southwestern keep its resources updated for student use. Grants like these allow the university to keep resources necessary for academic purposes.

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SWOSU Life team wants student input

By ROBYN CHRISMON/
STAFF REPORTER

The SWOSU Life team on the Southwestern web page wants to hear what you have to say.

They encourage anyone interested, to submit short stories, poems, movie reviews, editorials, likes and dislikes concerning student life, or any thoughts and concerns.

The Life team wants to use more student input in the Daily Content section and the Student Life section. There is also a section called Your Corner, where any short

stories or poems will be posted. They are currently receiving most of their content from public information.

The Southwestern web page features announcements, a calendar of events, weather reports, and surveys. It also includes a section called the Market Place where students can put things up for sale. Another fun feature is a local guide where students can rate local businesses.

To submit something, you may contact anyone on the Life team at 774-7175 or simply email it to swlife@student.swosu.edu

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Comments from the staff

No pay, no play

Why do college athletes think they have it so much harder than everyone else? Why do they think that they should get paid for playing sports? I do not know. As a college athlete, I can tell you first hand that playing sports and keeping up with your studies is not as hard as it may seem.

Anyone student taking 20 or more hours has it way harder than any athlete. Why not pay them?

I play football. I walked on this spring. I had no idea how hard it would be. But I never imagined about getting paid for it. One of my classmates in a past class gave a speech over why college athletes should get paid. He made a lot of good points.

Like, for example, long practices, needing money for out of state games and tournaments, not having time for a job. I later found out what sport this young man played. It wasn't football or baseball. It was golf.

This college athlete thought he should be getting paid for his long hours out on the links. I see his point. Balancing time between relaxing on a golf course and trying to find time for homework is a stressful life.

If colleges and universities decide to pay their athletes, then they better pay the band, the cheerleaders, any student taking over twenty hours, and the chess club (I sat in at one of their practices, it made football look like a cake walk). Or just suck it up and enjoy college athletics the way they were meant to be.

--Andy Tschetter

Finding who we are

College years bring many questions: Who am I? What do I believe? What am I doing with my life? We have a need to find fulfillment in the answers to these questions, yet our search for self is one that cannot be completed within the mere course of our college years. We will understand more about ourselves as we grow older. There is no defining moment when we can say, "Now I've found myself." In fact, I believe our search for self begins even before toddler hood.

A baby in the mother's womb studies his/her fingers and toes. A toddler stares at his/her reflection in the mirror. A young child learns which foods he/she likes and dislikes. All these things are a part of their self-discovery, pieces in developing their own identities.

But have these pieces we have developed while growing, rather our roots, kept us from thinking on our own without influence from others? Have we not distanced ourselves from adhering to everyone else's beliefs? Do we claim the beliefs of others as our own; or does each person honestly conduct his/her own search in deciphering truth from fiction? If we do not find things on our own and think independently, we are ultimately clinging to another person's way of thinking.

Furthermore, we have become accustomed to answering the question "who are you" with "I am a teacher," or "I am an artist." Who you are is not what you do. When your occupation dictates your person, you need to redefine who you are. It's hard to gain morality and understanding of life through a job. It is knowledge of self and the world that are the staples of growing older.

--Elizabeth Stafford

Bulldog Bucks



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The Oklahoma Business and Professional Women's Professional Women's Foundation, Inc. is offering scholarships to Oklahoma women who are enrolled in accredited learning institutions during the 2005-2006 school year. You must write in 500 words or less your specific career goals, submit three letters of recommendation, include a copy of your Student Aid Report, and transcripts. Application deadline if March 1, 2005.

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If you are a current student and either a resident or non-resident you are eligible to apply for these scholarships. Students transferring to SWOSU for the 2005-2006 school year may apply also. Completed applications must be submitted to the Foundation Office, Administration Bldg., Room 201 by the March 1, 2005 deadline.

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All current SWOSU students (other than graduate level) who are an Oklahoma resident may apply for this tuition waiver. Applicants must have earned at least 24 credit hours at SWOSU during the Fall 2004 and Spring 2005 semesters combined. Selection is academically competitive

From the Mailbox

Boiling Frog Theory

Dear Editor,

I saw a commercial this week on VH-1 that summed up what much of reality television programming has become.

They showed a picture of a dog defecating and an announcer saying "wouldn't this be somewhat more interesting if you knew it was Ralph May's dog." I immediately became furious and quickly changed the channel.

I didn't find dog dung interesting when Sharon

Osbourn's dogs did it and I find it a million times more annoying now. I wouldn't give a minute of my time to watch dogs do flips much less do everyday actions of bodily release. I'd care only if it were the President of the United States or if every fecal piece were made of gold.

But this is where reality television is headed.

Every week Fear Factor comes up with new ways to put people's lives in danger or make them throw up. Wouldn't it be more appropriate to call the show Dense or Dim-wit Factor?

But of course, I guess these people have it coming to them. Anybody willing to dunk their head in blood, eat a "hundred year old" egg, or munch on animal rectums won't be too entirely missed if they die.

Let's look into the future a moment shall we. There will be a channel dedicated to monkeys throwing their feces, a network devoted to toilet humor and reality show writers will argue over who to kill off next week.

These shows are cheap and easy to make. No actors, no salaries, no class. Executives can sell it to the American public because they know someone will watch it and the rest will tolerate.

Do you think we would have tolerated it twenty or even ten years ago? My guess is no. Ten years ago I would have written thirty letters instead of just this one. I along with everyone else am becoming desensitized.

We're involved in what is known as the "boiling frog theory."

You throw a frog in a pot of hot water and it jumps out. However, you put a frog in a pot of cool water and slowly turn of the heat it stays sitting and doesn't notice any change. The water goes from cool to warm and from warm to hot while the frog just sits.

Without ever noticing its impending death the frog boils away into nothingness.

Sincerely,
Jesus Sierra Jr.

From the Mailbox

Clarified SGA Events

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The tumultuous events that have transpired within the internal workings of The Student Government Association in recent days were featured prominently in this newspaper. As a student advocate, I earnestly support the free publication of news involving the student body. I would simply like to clear up a few misconceptions that readers may have derived from reading the articles regarding SGA in the Wednesday January 26 and Friday January 28 editions.

Four of the members that were removed from the Executive Cabinet by suspended President Ohl were not, as implied in the article, committee chairs planning the Oklahoma Student Government

Association Conference in March. While they may have held seals on the Conference Commission charged with planning the prestigious event, they held no titles. Student Senator Garrett King was appointed by President Ohl to head this commission, and thus is the only "chair" of any body planning for the conference (King has also received the designation of Conference Director from the OSGA Executive Board, further nullifying the claim that any of the suspended members held chairperson positions). The article was correct in citing that one of the members removed was chair of the committee planning SWOSUPalooza.

The SGA Constitution provides for the removal of Executive Cabinet members so that the elected leader of the student body, the president, can see to it that the business of SGA is carried out swiftly and efficiently. Immediately following the announcement of President Ohl's suspension, I, under my constitutional duties, was sworn in as student body president by Chief Justice Eric Lyons outside of the chamber where the senate meets, thus ensuring the smooth transition of authority and leadership of the student body. Since the aforementioned removal of cabinet members Brandt, Smith, Hinojosa, Sampley, Roberson, and Ousley, the student government has

continued to function and thrive. The Student Senate passed three resolutions, (the first all year!) and the conference commission has been praised by the OSGA Executive Board for its hard work. Also, at the Wednesday February 2nd Senate Session I will send nominees to vote for positions of student body vice-president, SGA special projects secretary, SGA media secretary, and two seats on the Supreme Court of the Student Body.

In other words, student government at SWOSU is far from debilitated since the removal of members of the cabinet and the voluntary self-suspension of the student body President-in fact, we are working hard and eager to move forward. We have the business of the student body to attend to, and the extracurricular drama of the past few days is now but a distant memory. We are grateful to the university and the community for their continued support, and we look forward to building a better campus for the students who use it.

If anyone has any questions they can feel free to call me at the Student Government Center, 774-0615. Thank you so much!

Sincerely,
Sheena Pritchett
SGA President

Bulldogs by the numbers

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Kristyn Beck

"Valentine's Day card, and he broke up with me in the card."



Ryan Fields

"Chalky candy hearts. Those are really bad."



Amanda Crossgrove

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Features

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SISA, the international hub

By SHARMINA MANANDHAR/
STAFF REPORTER

Southwestern encourages student organizations that reflect a student's identity, talent, interest and knowledge. One such organization is Southwestern International Student Association (SISA).

SISA is sponsored by Dr. Blake Sonobe, chairman of the physics and chemistry department. SISA officers for 2004-2005 are President-Jacqueline Davies Thunderbull from U.K., Vice-president-Tushar Bulsara from Zambia, Secretary-Folake Daramola from Nigeria, Treasurer-Rosy Wu from China, Social Coordinator-Linda Ntapi from Cameroon, Historian and Website Manager-Hiren Patel from Zambia, and Historian-Nina Fruh from Cameroon.

"We are always keen to introduce our culture to others and would appreciate participation from other SWOSU students and faculty too,"



SISA officers 2004-2005

Thunderbull said.

With members from nine countries, SISA is continuously working in the best interests of the international students at Southwestern.

Every year SISA organizes a number of events. This year's events include an International Banquet, a game night, a picnic, International Day, and many more.

The most popular event is the International Banquet,

where SWOSU students and faculty can enjoy authentic international food and cultural programs.

"Last year's banquet was a huge success," said Thunderbull, "We received a standing ovation from our guests."

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In Good Company

Does age really make a difference in the workplace?

In Good Company takes a glimpse into this aspect of business as Globecom places twenty-something cell phone mogul Carter Duryea (Topher Grace) into its newly taken over magazine, *Sports America*.

However, it also goes deeper into the lives of those in Corporate America.

Dan Foreman (Dennis Quaid) is bombarded with not only being demoted to make room for Duryea, a boss half his age, but there is also the unexpected pregnancy of his wife (Marg Helgenberger). To add injury, his college-age daughter Alex (Scarlett Johansson) decides to transfer to pricey NYU from her local New York college.

The film is also an illustration of contrasts.



Duryea is a lonely, young man who has never had anyone really love him, while Dan, in Carter's eyes, has everything: a wife, home, great kids, and happiness.

The acting in this film is quite good, and it definitely has some mushy "chick flick" moments. But with undertones and subplots centered on sports and a taboo relationship

between Alex and Carter, it will secretly intrigue guys too.

Although the movie does not have a typical "Hollywood ending," audiences will be touched by the emotional growth experienced by the characters, as they form rewarding relationships and discover the true meaning of life.

-Andrea Flieg

PHOTO BY KIMBERLY KELLER



Window shown above, replaced after disgruntled man jumped through it.

Restaurant crowd witnesses jumper

By: MICHELLE BUSH/
STAFF REPORTER

Jerry's customers witnessed a truly surreal event on Saturday, Jan. 22 at 2:15 a.m. when a man entered Jerry's, but not through the door. The man chose a less likely entrance-the window.

Jerry's is a popular hang-out for students needing a place to study or those who just want a good cup of coffee and a piece of pie late in the evening.

It is the only local restaurant open 24 hours. It also appears to still have the same tables and counters from when it opened its doors 30 years

ago. Jerry's delivers the mood you would find in a movie.

The witnesses came into Jerry's on Jan. 22 and sat at the round booth on the west end of the restaurant. A man entered Jerry's through the door and approached the group. He appeared to be harassing them, so the graveyard-shift waitress asked him to leave. He abided.

Shortly after, the man came crashing through the west window.

A police report was filed but no arrests have been made, but the Weatherford Police department does have a suspect.

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Bulldogs fall in double-overtime thriller to Tarleton

Southwestern Oklahoma State is unbeaten run at home ended Thursday as Tarleton State emerged with a 72-70 double-overtime in men's basketball action. The home loss was the No. 20 Bulldogs first in eight games and dropped their overall record to 17-4 and 4-2 in the Lone Star Conference North.

Tarleton's LaShon Sheffield successfully completed a three-point play when he was fouled making a basket with nine seconds to play. Sheffield sunk the free throw and the Texans led 72-70. Sheffield had 22 points to lead Tarleton who improved to 14-6 overall and 3-2 in the division.

The Bulldogs had an attempt to tie the game when Ike Smith was fouled rebounding a shot with two-tenths of a second remaining. Smith missed the first free throw. His rebound tip of an intentionally missed second shot rolled off the iron allowing Tarleton to survive.

Lee J. Kirkpatrick had 23 points on 10-of-12 shooting to lead Southwestern in scoring. Kirkpatrick's free throw with 1:07 to play gave the Bulldogs a 70-69 lead before Sheffield's heroics.

Kirkpatrick's three-point basket with 27 seconds to play in regulation forced the game into overtime tied at 49-49. SWOSU trailed the entire game scoring only 15 points in the first 20 minutes while making just 27% (seven-of-26) of their shots.

The Bulldogs began to cut into Tarleton's lead in the second half before finally forging ahead 44-43 when Kirkpatrick made one-of-two free throws with 2:17 to play.

SWOSU finished the game making 42% (29-of-69) of its shots but were hurt even worse by netting only 44% (seven-of-16) from the free throw line.

The Bulldogs next home game will be Thursday, Feb. 10 against Southeastern Oklahoma. Tipoff is set for 8 p.m.

Bulldog Profile: Lee J. Kirkpatrick

By LINDSAY GRIGG/
STAFF REPORTER

Lee J. Kirkpatrick, son of Tommy Batson and Vivian Kirkpatrick, is a 6-foot-6-inch senior and one of the most well liked Southwestern basketball players.

Transferring here from Jones County Junior College where he averaged 14 points and 7 rebounds, he is now averaging 12.2 points and 5.4 rebounds a game. He is the men's primary low-post threat and a key reason for the Bulldogs success this

season.

Lee J. was named to LSC North second-team all-conference squad last season. He has a season-high of 26 points against East Central. He is leading his team in free throw attempts and free throw makes.

Lee J. is 22 and in his last year of eligibility. After graduation he hopes to use some of his education in social work, to pursue a career in the YMCA and eventually

become a director or owner of his own YMCA.

When asked how far he thinks his team will go, all he could say was, "The sky is the limit."

In his spare time, he enjoys sleeping, watching Sportscenter and added that he "loves" his free time.

When asked about the attendance of games Lee J. said, "I appreciate everyone coming out," he went on to say that he loves playing in every game and enjoys all of the fans that are at the games, as well as his teammates.



Kirkpatrick reaches for the ball.

Patriots win the Super Bowl

By ANDY TSCHETTER/
SPORTS EDITOR

I think it is safe to say that the New England Patriots can solidify themselves as the dynasty of the 21st century after a 24-21 win over the Philadelphia Eagles in Super Bowl XXXIX.

It was the Patriots ninth consecutive post-season win, equaling Vince Lombardi's Packers, and Coach Bill Belichick's 10th in 11, one more than the legendary Lombardi.

"We've never really proclaimed ourselves anything," said Tom Brady, who is 9-0 in the playoffs. "If you guys say we're great, we'll accept the compliment."

Brady completed 11 of

his 23 completions to WR Deion Branch, who was named the MVP.

Donavan McNabb was 30-51 for 357 yards, 3 touchdowns and 3 interceptions. McNabb's passing yardage ranks fourth all-time in yards in a Super Bowl.

The first quarter was tied at zero. Both offenses were having trouble moving the ball against the opposing defense. The Eagles scored first early in the second when Donovan McNabb hooked up with his TE L.J. Smith from six yards out. The Patriots had an answer, though it was late in the quarter when Tom Brady found David Givens standing alone in the corner for a four yard touchdown. The game was

tied 7-7 at the half.

The defending World Champs came out and scored early in the third on a pass from Brady to LB Mike Vrabel. Vrabel has scored a touchdown in the last two Super Bowls. But the Eagles came back and tied things up when Bryan Westbrook made an unbelievable catch between to defenders for the ten yard touchdown. With the game tied at 14 it was the first Super Bowl in history to be tied after three quarters of play.

The Patriots scored ten straight points giving them a 24-14 advantage with 2:00 minutes left in the game. McNabb lead his team down the field and

scored on a 30 yard touchdown pass to Greg Lewis. After failing to recover the onside kick, the Eagles forced the Patriots to punt. Backed up in their own territory, the Eagles Super Bowl chances were dwindling. The game was sealed when McNabb threw a desperation pass under pressure that was intercepted by Rodney Harrison.

Terrel Owens led his team in receiving with 9 rec. for 122 yards. It is back to the drawing board for both teams in the off-season. Patriots will try and fill coaching positions on both sides of the ball. The Eagles will try and do something they haven't done in 44 years: win a Super Bowl.

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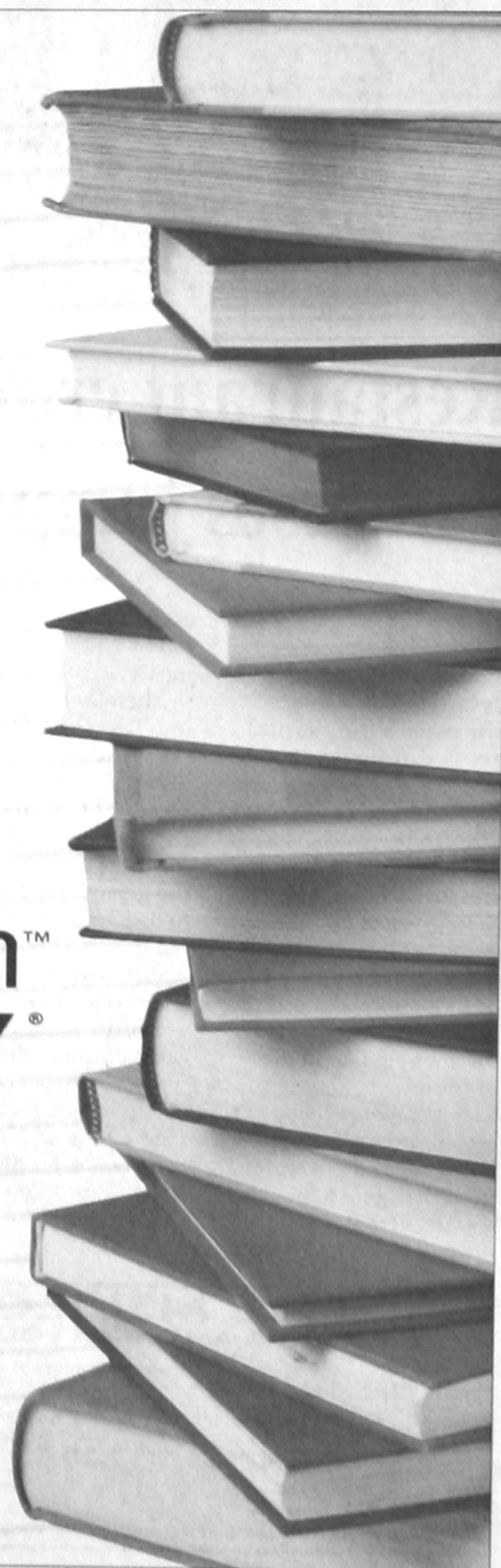
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Sports

Held brings 30 new signees

By ROYCE YOUNG/
SPORTS EDITOR

New head coach Ryan Held and the Southwestern Bulldog football team took their biggest steps on the right track last Wednesday. Adding 22 high school recruits to the 8 Junior College transfers makes this class of 30 signees one of the Bulldogs best in recent history.

"It was actually pretty easy to recruit here. We have tremendous facilities, a tremendous location and a tremendous school," Held said.

Held believes that all the recruits will be able to contribute immediately. He said that every player on the team has an important role in the Bulldogs' future.

"Maybe 1 or 2 kids will redshirt, but everyone will have the opportunity to compete for positions and play a part immediately," said Held.

Some of the prized recruits that signed are defensive tackle Corey Summers from Westmore, first team all-state quarterback Steve Day from Edmond Sante Fe, defensive back Ruzzel McCoy from Frederick and local Weatherford product Matt Brown, a linebacker.

Kevin Holmes, Steve

Ihekona, Terry Sampson and Robert Scott were key recruits because they will attempt to enhance the running back position, a large hole in last year's offense.

"We filled a big void in the running back position this year. I believe we are greatly improved there," Held commented. He also added that it really wasn't difficult to recruit as a first year coach at a school that went 1-9 the year before.

"The players will get to play in the Lone Star Conference, probably the best Div. II football conference in the country; go to a great school that has a lot of tradition, and be around great people.

"I love this place. I look forward to getting up every morning and putting my key in the door to get the day started. I couldn't have asked for a better place to bring my family. I plan on being here a while and building a winning tradition that competes every year for championships."

A list of this year's sports signees, which includes the player's name, position, Ht, Wt and previous school information follows.

◆ Nate Aschenbrenner, Tight End, 6-6, 235, Edmond (North)
◆ Desmond Baker, Defensiveback, 5-11, 175,

◆ Garland, TX (Garland)
◆ Dee Birchfield, Offensive Line, 6-3, 280, Tuttle
◆ Matt Brown, Linebacker, 6-2, 225, Weatherford
◆ Steve Day, Quarterback, 6-1, 200, Edmond (Santa Fe)
◆ Josh DeFour, Defensive Line, 6-2, 295, Burkburnett, TX
◆ Chris Finau, Defensive Line, 6-1, 275, Fort Worth, TX (L.D. Bell)
◆ Ricky Gonzales, Linebacker, 6-0, 185, Clinton
◆ Leantonee Hardrick, Linebacker, 6-1, 230, Bowie, TX
◆ Kevin Holmes, Running Back, 5-11, 200, Oklahoma City (Westmore)
◆ Kirby Humphrey, Punter, 5-11, 185, Tecumseh
◆ Steve Ihekona, Running Back, 5-8, 190, Edmond (Santa Fe)
◆ Ruzell McCoy, Defensiveback, 5-10, 190, Frederick
◆ Kyle Mobley, Offensive Line, 6-4, 300, El Paso, TX (Irvin)
◆ Brett Raprich, Defensiveback, 6-1, 185, Oklahoma City (Westmore)
◆ Mike Ray, Offensive Line, 6-4, 250, Newcastle
◆ Talite Sika, Offensive Line, 6-3, 275, Beford, TX (L.D. Bell)
◆ Terry Sampson, Running

Back, 5-10, 200, Lancaster, TX
◆ Robert Scott, Running Back, 5-9, 180, Granger, TX
◆ Cory Summers, Defensive Line, 6-2, 270, Oklahoma City (Westmore)
◆ James Vei, Defensive Line, 6-2, 255, Beford, TX (L.D. Bell)
◆ Cole Williams, Tightend, 6-2, 220, Oklahoma City (Westmore)
◆ Aaron Caldwell, Wide Receiver Fr., 6-1, 180, Northeastern A&M (Clinton)
◆ Greg Franklin, Defensive Line Fr., 6-1, 240, Central Oklahoma (Midwest City)
◆ Shane Martin, Wide Receiver Jr., 6-0, 180
◆ Mt. San Antonio, Community College (CA)
◆ Willie Sheird, Quarterback
◆ So., 6-1, 215, Nebraska-Omaha (Virgina Beach, VA)
◆ Merbah Kruah, Linebacker
◆ Jr., 6-0, 220, Dodge City Community College (KS)
◆ Tommy Musa, Cornerback Jr., 5-8, 180, Mt. San Antonio Community College (CA)
◆ Ryan O'Shields, Linebacker Jr., 6-1, 215, Mt. San Antonio Community College (CA)

Benifit dinner held in honor of Big Al

A benefit fundraising dinner for the men's basketball program is set for Wednesday, Feb. 9, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom.

The benefit dinner will be an Indian Taco dinner in honor of Alejandro Vargas (former SWOSU basketball player and coach), who recently passed away.

The meal will include an Indian Taco, drink and dessert.

Tickets will be sold by donation with all proceeds going to the SWOSU men's basketball program. A group of Big Al's friends are sponsoring the event.

Tickets for the dinner may be purchased at the Athletic Director's office, Wright Radio and at the door of the event.

Athletes donate \$37 million towards tsunami relief

By EMILY AVERA/
STAFF REPORTER

World wide efforts to provide relief for the victims of the tsunami have been remarkable. The tsunami which occurred Dec. 26, spread unimaginable devastation and killed over 150,000 throughout Southeast Asia and East Africa.

Profesional athletes have made contributions totalling over \$37 million to several relief organizations such as the American Red Cross, AmeriCares, CARE, United Nations World Food Program, and UNICEF. Large amounts are also coming from the National Football League (NFL) and its players.

The football league told USA Today that, "the NFL and its teams, players and fans have raised and committed more than \$4 million for tsunami relief efforts." The NFL has directly donated \$1 million. Other contributors within the NFL include the Seattle Seahawks owner Paul Allen, New England Patriots owner Bob Kraft and the team's charitable foundation, Atlanta Falcons owner Arthur Blank and team, as well as, the San Diego Chargers owner Alex Spanos.

NFL players have urged their fans to make contributions to relief effort organizations by holding in-stadium collections and by filming public service announcements. A public service announcement has been filmed for the United Nations World Food Program by popular quarterbacks Donovan McNabb and Peyton Manning.

Some of the many notable donations from sports professionals are listed below.

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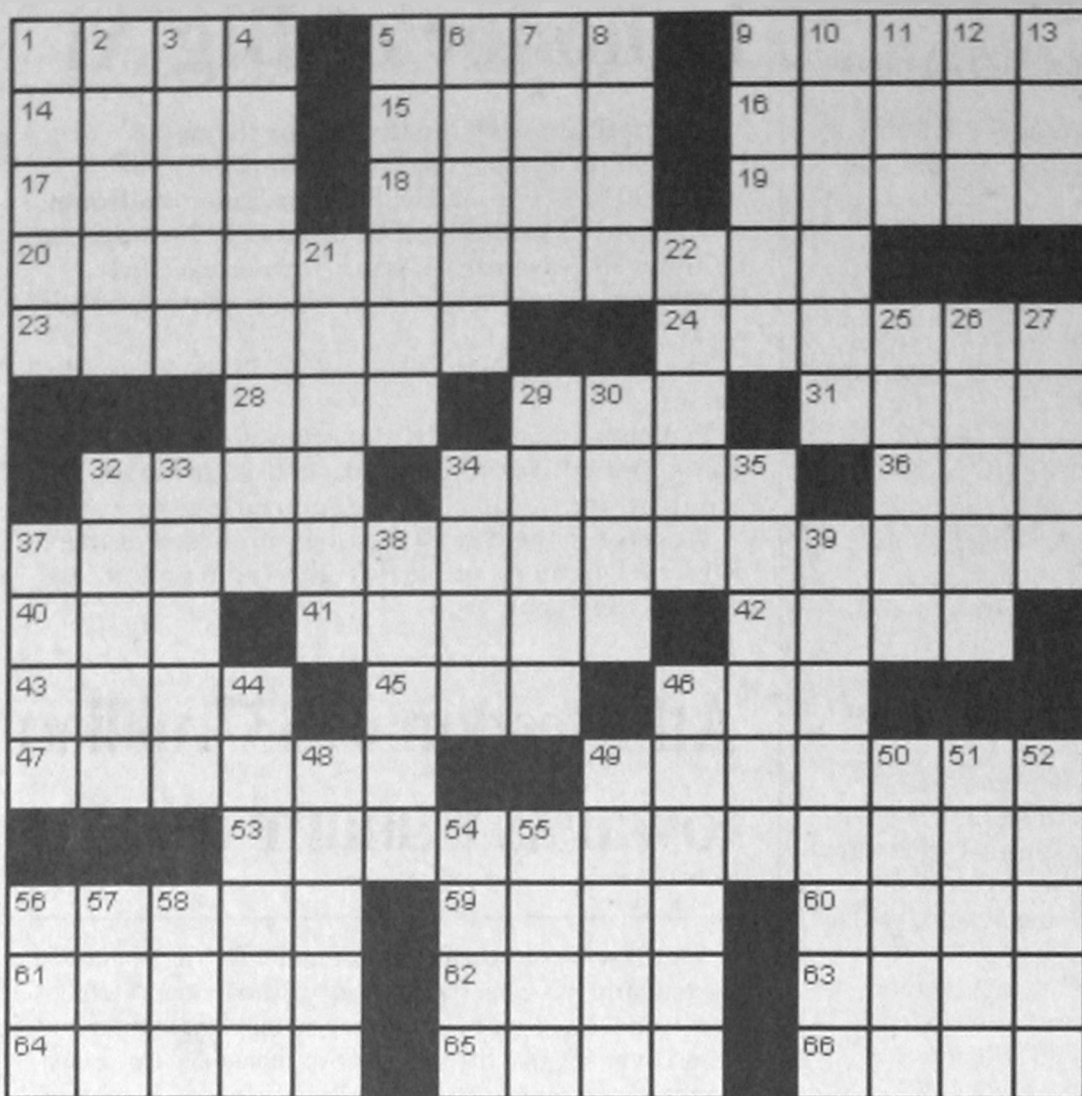
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15. Word after square or before beer
16. Spicy bud on ham
17. Awkward person
18. Go from full to new
19. Speed detector
20. OUTER SPACE WASHING UTENSIL?
23. Flocks of fish
24. One who whirls about
28. Barn hooter
29. Previous time
31. Record a TV show
32. Native American tribe in Eastern Canada
34. The difference between "Acme" and "Ajax"?
36. Abbr. near a radio dial
37. OUTER SPACE JACUZZI?
40. A little "roof" over the head
41. South American camel cousin
42. Too curious for comfort
43. One who logs on to a computer
45. Distinctive period of time
46. Wire diameter measure
47. Money in Madrid
49. Old-fashioned light source (2 words)
53. OUTER SPACE BATH STALL?

Down

56. Church law
59. Exclamation of regret or sorrow
60. Ashen
61. Notify of approaching danger
62. A secure place to put jewelry
63. Greek god of love
64. Sounds like polite requests!
65. Newts
66. Iniquitous places?

29. Brewed coffee smell
30. Fun social occasion
32. Hunt down
33. Formal ceremonies
34. Pig to avoid at a party?
35. Scandinavian pastry
37. Punish, informally
38. Cloth fold
39. Walked with a bounce
44. They stick to sharks
46. The tired, poor and huddled?
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49. Garden transplant
50. Cognizant
51. It comes in honeydew and water flavors
52. Word of "advice" on a push button
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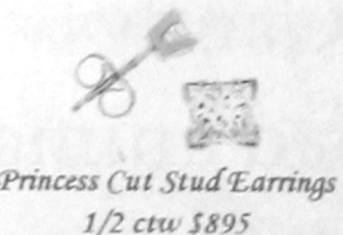
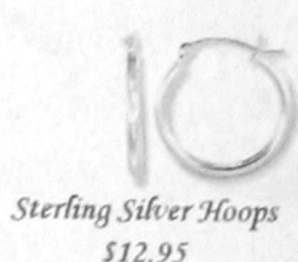


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